

SENATE RESOLUTION 51

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Arthur Umbarger of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Arthur Umbarger; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Umbarger was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Somerville on May 30, 1934, James Umbarger was the son of the late James Daniel Umbarger and Jossie Lela Rogers Umbarger; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Fayette County High School, Mr. Umbarger was the first licensed emergency medical technician in Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, he retired from Peebles Fayette County Funeral Home and was a respected farmer and landowner; and

WHEREAS, James Umbarger was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Bettye Lois Reeves Umbarger, until her passing; he was the proud father of Jimmy (Marybeth) Umbarger and the grandfather of Sophie Umbarger; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Umbarger was preceded in death by five sisters, Gladys Walk, Addie Lee Smith, Vinnie McCaskill, Louise Clark, and Annie Mae Umbarger, and two brothers, Edward Umbarger and Gene Umbarger; and

WHEREAS, James Umbarger leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of James Arthur Umbarger, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Umbarger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.